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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1636

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BLOOM *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/227,742

Filed: January 8, 1999

For: **Method for Increasing Viability
and Transformation Efficiency of
Bacteria During Storage at Low
Temperatures**

Confirmation No.: 7763

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Loeb, B.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4770003/RWE/FRC

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **February 28, 2002**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 23), the period for reply having been extended two (2) months by petition and payment of the appropriate fee, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

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